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Memorandum

TO : Carl W. Belcher, Chief
General Crimes Section

DATE: March 10, 1967

FROM : Edward Molenof

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SUBJECT: Dave Ferrie -
In connection with United States v. Marcello, Conspiracy, New Orleans

In connection with our discussions of last Friday evening, and Saturday, I am hereunder setting forth my recollection of the above named Dave Ferrie which was in entirety in connection with my association in the above criminal case, scheduled for trial in New Orleans on November 11, 1963.

As per direction of court, and by pre-arrangement with Jack Wasserman, counsel for Marcello, we made all documentary evidence intended for trial introduction available to defense counsel for inspection purposes on Saturday morning, November 9, 1963, in the United States Attorney's library. Mr. Owen Neff, with whom I was associated, had custody of the documents, and supervised the inspection process. Around noon of November 9, I went into the library to check on the progress made and in addition to the several defense counsel, I saw a man whom I had not seen before in connection with the matter. Mr. Neff advised me that the person's name was Dave Ferrie; that he was an investigator for Mr. Wasserman in the case. I made a point of Ferrie's presence with Wasserman and stated that he was not authorized to be there inasmuch as he was not counsel. Ferrie was an "odd" looking individual, particularly his facial features. I didn't like his "looks", nor his status in the case, so I asked him to leave the room. Wasserman made an argumentative point, and we permitted him to stay, but not handle documents.

Prior to and during the course of the trial, which commenced on November 11, and concluded on November 22, 1963, Mr. Ferrie appeared active in the case, investigative wise, both in and out of New Orleans and the court was openly critical of certain of his investigative techniques, which were to say the least unethical, and in fact bordered on the criminal.

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During the course of the trial I observed Ferrie on several different occasions, in and out of the courtroom.

On November 22, 1963, the day was taken up with final arguments and jury instruction. My recollection is that I saw Ferrie, as I was leaving the courtroom, in the corridor just outside of the courtroom where a few others had gathered within a minute or two after the jury retired to deliberate its verdict. My best recollection is that the time was around 1:00 P.M., give or take a half-hour, New Orleans time. To the best of my recollection I did not see Ferrie thereafter.